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## Public Health

### AFAR encourages aging research

Since 1981, and through privately funded grants, the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) has awarded nearly \$80 million to fund projects on aging research and geriatric medicine. More than 2,200 researchers have benefited from AFAR grants.

The goal of the program is to help junior investigators advance their research on the aging process. Those eligible have to be committed to pursuing a career in the aging research field. Areas of interest include:

- aging and immune function;
- genetic control of longevity;
- neurobiology and neuropathy of aging;
- invertebrate or vertebrate animal models;
- cardiovascular aging;
- aging and cellular stress resistance;
- metabolic and endocrinal changes;
- age-related changes in cell proliferation;
- caloric restriction and aging;
- DNA repair and control of gene expression;

- aging and apoptosis; and
- the biodemographic analysis of aging.

The proposed research projects should focus on the basic mechanisms of aging. Investigators also can propose projects analyzing age-related diseases.

AFAR will *not* fund projects for investigators who previously received independent funding for aging research.

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AFAR anticipates that 15 grants, up to \$60,000 each, will be awarded. The project period can last up to two years; however, projects cannot begin until July 1, 2006.

The deadline to apply is Dec. 15, 2005. An application form is available in a Word document on the AFAR website.

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**Eligibility:** Junior investigators pursuing a career in the field of aging research.

**Deadline:** Dec. 15, 2005

**Funds:** \$60,000

**Contact:** AFAR, 70 West 40th St., 11th Floor, New York, NY 10018; (212) 703-9977

<b>DEADLINE</b>		<b>UPDATE</b>		
<b>Agency/Program</b>	<b>\$ Available*</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Reported in issue ...</b>
<b>Arts and Humanities</b>				
Kurt Weill Foundation	Up to \$5,000	Nov. 1, 2005	cweber@kwf.org	9/10/05
Corporation for Public Broadcasting	\$20 million	Nov. 1, 2005	History.Civics@cpb.org	8/25/05
<b>Children and Youth</b>				
National Gardening Association	Home Depot gift cards — ranging from \$250 to \$500 — for purchasing gardening materials and supplies	Nov. 30, 2005	(800) 538-7476	10/10/05
<b>Community Athletics</b>				
GoGirlGo! Grants	\$7,500	Nov. 30, 2005	(800) 227-3988	10/10/05
<b>Community Development</b>				
AmeriCorps	Varies	February and March 2006	(202) 606-5000	10/10/05
Harley-Davidson Foundation	Varies	Oct. 28, 2005	(414) 270-1978	9/10/05
American Eagle Outfitters Foundation	Varies	Open	American Eagle Outfitters Foundation 150 Thorn Hill Drive Warrendale, PA 15086	9/10/05
<b>Contests</b>				
Prudential Spirit of Community Awards	Local honorees — certificate of recognition; state honorees — \$1,000, a silver medallion, and a trip to Washington; national honorees — an additional \$5,000, a gold medallion, and a trophy for their school	Oct. 31, 2005, for students to apply; Nov. 7, 2005, for principals to submit local honorees for state-level judging	Prudential Spirit of Community Awards State-Level Judging Committee One Scholarship Way P.O. Box 297 St. Peter, MN 56082	10/10/05
<b>Environment</b>				
Save the Tiger Fund	Varies	Dec. 1, 2005	(202) 857-0166	10/10/05
Partnership for Restoring Populations of Native Aquatic Species	Up to \$60,000	Pre-proposals: Dec. 2, 2005	corey.grace@ntwf.org	9/10/05
<b>Foundation Profiles</b>				
Tiffany & Co. Foundation	Varies	Nov. 15, 2005	Fernanda M. Kellogg President Tiffany & Co. Foundation 600 Madison Ave. New York, NY 10022	9/10/05
The Nathan Cummings Foundation	Varies	Open for letter of inquiry	(212) 787-7300	9/10/05
<b>Human Services</b>				
Pilot Clinical Trials of Pharmacotherapies for Substance Related Disorders	\$4 million	Letters of intent: Dec. 26, 2005; applications: Jan. 24, 2006	gfleming@nida.nih.gov	9/10/05
Healthy and Ready to Work National Resource Center program	\$400,000	Nov. 2, 2005	(301) 443-9775	9/10/05
<b>Museums and Libraries</b>				
Carnegie-Whitney grants	Up to \$5,000	Nov. 7, 2005	(800) 545-2433	10/10/05
The WNBA-Ann Heildbreder Eastman Grant	Up to \$750	Nov. 1, 2005	dchatham@ala.org	9/10/05
<b>Public Health</b>				
American Federation for Aging Research	\$60,000	Dec. 15, 2005	(212) 703-9977	10/10/05

**Bolded grants are in this issue.** ★ All amounts are approximate and may be based on past giving records.

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The application must be endorsed by the applicant's institution. A narrative report is due no later than five months after the project is completed.

### More info online ...

For more information, visit <http://www.afar.org/afar99.html>.

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[www.quinlan.com](http://www.quinlan.com)

## Environment

### STF keeps up its fight to help wild tiger population

The Save the Tiger Fund (STF) focuses its efforts on Asia's remaining populations of wild tigers. STF encourages projects that assist in the long-term survival of the animals. Projects to be considered must follow a list of criteria. The applications should demonstrate the following:

- conservation need and anticipated benefits to wild tiger populations;
- improved management and/or protection of occupied and suitable tiger habitats;

- enhanced prey-protection measures;
- substantive cooperation and coordination with other conservation organizations;
- integration of program monitoring and track evaluation; and
- capacity building among local organizations' conservation efforts.

The deadline to apply is Dec. 1, 2005. Applicants will be notified of whether or not they've won the grant by March 1, 2006. The application is available to

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download on the website. STF will not fund:

- lobbying or litigation activities;
- captive tiger projects that are not part of the approved Species Survival Plan or do not have a link to conservation efforts;
- general administrative costs; or
- genetic studies without direct implication for tiger conservation on the ground.

**Eligibility:** Open

**Deadline:** Dec. 1, 2005

**Funds:** Varies

**Contact:** Mandy Chesnut, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, 1120 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036; phone: (202) 857-0166; fax: (202) 857-0162; [stf@nfwf.org](mailto:stf@nfwf.org)

### More info online ...

For more information, visit [http://www.nfwf.org/programs/stf\\_rfp.cfm](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/stf_rfp.cfm).

## Museums and Libraries

### ALA takes first step on publishing path

Andrew Carnegie set up a special fund in 1902. The merge of the Carnegie Fund and a fund set up by James Lyman Whitney in 1910 eventually led to the establishment of the Carnegie-Whitney Awards grant program. The American Library Association's (ALA) Publishing Committee administers the awards.

The goal of the grant program is to provide grants for winning organizations or individuals to publish popular or scholarly reading lists, indexes, and other guides to library resources that users can access in various libraries.

The deadline to apply is Nov. 7, 2005.

Grant requests cannot exceed \$5,000. Individuals, official units of the ALA, including committees, and other groups associated with the ALA are eligible to apply. Projects that are works in progress will be considered for funding. Any project that is already completed, or works under contract for publication, are ineligible.

Detailed application guidelines are available on the ALA website. The ALA encourages grantseekers to electronically submit their applications to [cmain@ala.org](mailto:cmain@ala.org). Applications also can be submitted on paper.

In the 2003-2004 grant cycle, four grants were awarded. One winner was Jacob

Gapko of Eau Claire, Wis., who was awarded funds to support for his proposed project: "Children and Young Adults with Muscular Dystrophy: An Annotated Biography." Cynthia Hsieh from the University of the Pacific won a grant for: "Everything You Want to Know About Asian American Youth: An Annotated Bibliography & Resources Guide."

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**Eligibility:** Individuals, official units of the American Library Association (ALA), and any other group affiliated with the ALA.

**Deadline:** Nov. 7, 2005.

**Funds:** Up to \$5,000.

**Contact:** Carnegie-Whitney Administrator, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago IL 60611; phone: (800) 545-2433; fax: (312) 280-4380; [cmain@ala.org](mailto:cmain@ala.org).

#### More info online ...

For more information, visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/publishing/alapubawrds/carnegiwhitney.htm>.

## Community Development

### AmeriCorps spreads resources across the country

The Corporation for National and Community Service AmeriCorps State and National Programs currently has seven grant programs requesting applications for February and March 2006 deadlines.

AmeriCorps is a group that brings together more than 70,000 Americans each year. AmeriCorps members address the country's critical needs, such as:

- fighting illiteracy;
- improving health services;
- cleaning parks and streams; and
- building affordable houses.

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1. States and Territories Competitive Program (Funds: \$43 million; deadline: Feb. 16, 2006)

2. Education Award Program (Funds: \$1 million; deadline: Feb. 14, 2006 for commissions and March 14, 2006 for National Directs)
3. National Direct Program (Funds: \$20 million; deadline: Feb. 14, 2006)
4. National Planning Grants Program (Funds: \$200,000; deadline: Feb. 14, 2006)
5. National Professional Corps Program (Funds: \$1 million; deadline: Feb. 14, 2006)

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**Eligibility:** Public and private nonprofits; labor, community, and faith-based organizations; institutions of higher education; states and territories; government entities of states or territories; and Indian tribes.

**Deadline:** February and March 2006.

**Funds:** Varies.

**Contact:** (202) 606-5000; [egrantshelp@ens.gov](mailto:egrantshelp@ens.gov).

6. Indian Tribes Program (Funds: \$1.2 million; deadline: Feb. 14, 2006)

7. States and Territories without Commissions Program (Funds: \$2.8 million; deadline: Feb. 14, 2006)

The goal of the AmeriCorps grants is to provide resources to community organizations so they can meet their needs

in areas such as: education, environment, senior independent living, public safety, and homeland security, among others.

The grant period is three years. Funding will be made available in annual increments. Applications can be found at <http://www.americorps.gov/egrants>. Application instructions are located at [http://www.americorps.gov/for\\_organizations/funding](http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/funding).

Instructions also can be obtained by calling (202) 606-5000 or (202) 606-7509. The announcement of grant winners will be made in May 2006.

### More info online ...

For more information, visit [http://www.americorps.gov/for\\_organizations/funding/apply\\_state\\_national.asp](http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/apply_state_national.asp).

## Children and Youth

### Corporations combine to dig up money for kids

The National Gardening Association (NGA) and The Home Depot have partnered to offer funding for the 2006 Youth Garden Grants Program. Over the past 22 years, the grants program has helped more than 1.2 million kids work on their garden and habitat projects.

For this grant cycle, 150 organizations will win gift cards from The Home Depot. The cards will be used to buy gardening materials and supplies that they can use to carry out their proposed projects. Fifty first-place winners will receive \$500 gift cards, while 100 second-place winners will take home \$250 gift cards. Winners also will receive an activity package from NGA that includes:

- three NGA publications: "Steps to a Bountiful Kids' Garden," "Schoolyard Mosaics," and "GrowLab: Activities for Growing Minds";
- a "2006 Youth Garden Grant Winner" sign to post in the garden; and
- 12 months of NGA supporter benefits, including an online garden Q&A service, online gardening and botany courses, and a 10 percent discount at NGA's Gardening with Kids store.

Applications are available to download on the Kids Gardening website, which is listed in the accompanying box. Each applicant must have at least

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15 children between the ages of three and 18 years old in its group who work on gardening projects. Priority is given to projects that stress an educational focus; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness and/or education; entrepreneurship; and social aspects of gardening such as team building and community support.

**Eligibility:** Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups in the United States.

**Deadline:** Nov. 30, 2005.

**Funds:** Home Depot gift cards — ranging from \$250 to \$500 — for purchasing gardening materials and supplies.

**Contact:** National Gardening Association, 1100 Dorset St., South Burlington, VT 05403; phone: (800) 538-7476; fax: (802) 864-6889; [donna@garden.org](mailto:donna@garden.org).

Start-up programs and established programs that have already completed one or more outdoor garden seasons are eligible to receive awards.

### More info online ...

For more information, visit <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp>.

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## Community Athletics

### GoGirlGo! Grants support physical activity and sports for girls

The Women's Sports Foundation, which was founded by Billie Jean King, provides support for girls' sports activities through its GoGirlGo! grant program. The purpose of the GoGirlGo! Grant and Education Program is to use sports and physical activity as an educational intervention and social asset, emphasizing the health of girls who are experiencing the tricky time between childhood and early adulthood.

By using physical activity and sports, the program seeks to reduce risky behaviors in girls from grades 3 through 8.

The Women's Sports Foundation makes the GoGirlGo! educational curriculum available free of charge, with a guide and journal for each girl and for adult leaders.

A sample curriculum is available online at <http://www.GoGirlGo.com> or by calling (800) 227-3988. If you agree to take part in the curriculum you become eligible to apply for the GoGirlGo! grant program.

The GoGirlGo! program will provide financial support for sports and physical

activity programs for girls that are trying to expand or provide opportunities for an under-served population; in particular, girls who are economically disadvantaged or girls who come from populations with high numbers of health-risk behaviors.

*GoGirlGo! requires that the grant winner will deliver an eight-week or longer sports or physical activity program for girls in grades 3 to 8.*

Grant winners may use funds for athletic equipment, supplies, facility rental, league or tournament fees, travel,

coaching, scholarships, and administration expenses.

GoGirlGo! requires that the grant winner will deliver an eight-week or longer sports or physical activity program for girls in grades 3 to 8. Grantees also must agree to use the GoGirlGo! curriculum, and complete a post project attitudinal survey.

GoGirlGo! expects to award a total of \$200,000 this year. In 2004, the average grant amount was \$7,500. The application deadline is Nov. 30, 2005.

#### More info online ...

For more information, visit <http://www.GoGirlGo.com>.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status that will deliver an eight-week (or longer) girls' sport/physical activity program to girls in grades 3-8.

**Deadline:** Nov. 30, 2005.

**Funds:** Average grant \$7,500.

**Contact:** Women's Sports Foundation, GoGirlGo!, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, NY 11554; (800) 227-3988.

## Contests

### Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognize young students involved in volunteering

The National Association of Secondary School Principals, in association with Prudential Financial, urges young people in middle or high schools who have volunteered in their communities to apply for recognition through the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

The award program seeks applications from more than 40,000 public and private middle and high schools throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Young people also may apply through certain organizations, such as Girl Scout councils, Red Cross chapters, or YMCAs.

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Young volunteers must complete an application form and submit it to the school principal or the head of the qualifying organization no later than Oct. 31, 2005.

*The award program seeks applications from more than 40,000 public and private middle and high schools throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.*

The application must detail the individual's activity or significant leadership in a volunteering activity that took place at least partially during the previous 12 months.

- Local honorees will receive certificates of recognition from their schools or organizations.
- State honorees will receive \$1,000, a silver medallion, and a paid trip to Washington for national recognition events.
- National honorees will receive an additional \$5,000 award, a gold medallion, and a trophy for their school or organization.

#### More info online ...

For more information, visit <http://www.prudential.com/overview2/0,2155,intPageID%253D8983%2526bInPrinterFriendly%253D0,00.html>.

**Eligibility:** Students in grades 5-12 as of Oct. 31, 2005 who have volunteered during the previous 12 months.

**Deadline:** Oct. 31, 2005, for students to apply; Nov. 7, 2005, for principals to submit local honorees for state-level judging.

**Funds:** Local honorees — certificate of recognition; state honorees — \$1,000, a silver medallion, and a trip to Washington; national honorees — an additional \$5,000, a gold medallion, and a trophy for their school.

**Contact:** Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, State-Level Judging Committee, One Scholarship Way, P.O. Box 297, St. Peter, MN 56082.

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## Success Story

### New library for California community

*Lafayette library wins nearly \$12 million grant*

by Heather Gordon

For the small San Francisco Bay Area city of Lafayette, Calif., the state's Library Bond Act of 2000 was nothing but good news. The act enabled Lafayette Library to win nearly \$11.9 million to support the building of a sorely needed new facility — a monumental sum in a

world where most library grants do not exceed \$1,500.

#### The big bucks

"These are very significant grants," said Richard Hall, the Library Bond Act



manager for the California State Library Office of Library Construction (OLC), the body that administers the grants. "We grant up to 20 million for any single project. That's why the program has been so highly competitive. We unfortunately always get many more applications than we have funds available to fund."

OLC provides 65 percent of eligible costs for public libraries to renovate and expand existing structures or build entirely new libraries; the grantees are responsible for raising the other 35 percent from local funds or other sources.

### State versus federal funding

"State money is on the increase for library construction," said Hall, who estimates that about half of the states have some kind of grant programs supporting their libraries. "Which is good," Hall said, "since federal money has very much been on the decrease for the last 10 or 20 years."

### Library Bond Act of 2000

In California, the Library Bond Act of 2000 freed up hundreds of millions of dollars in grant funds to go to libraries around the state. "We had three cycles where you could make application," explained Hall. "Three hundred fifty million for the first cycle,

\$80 million for the last." OLC received 72 applications during the last cycle, representing requests for \$586 million. "So you can see how astounding it was for any one project to be funded," Hall said.

### Making the cut

So how did Lafayette become one of the 12 elite projects that *did* win funding? "Lafayette met the criteria as well or better than the competition," Hall said. "That's not to say the other projects weren't good. I think the board would have funded all of them if they'd had the money to.

"It's just that some of them met the criteria better than others, and Lafayette did an excellent job of that."

Lafayette's existing library was built 42 years ago to house 15,000 books to serve a community of 17,000. Today, it has crammed in more than 60,600 volumes to serve 24,000 people; it has "seriously outgrown" the space.

When it decided to go for the grant, "the City hired a project advisor, building program consultant, and a needs assessment consultant to assist in the preparation of the application," explained Lafayette Community Development Director Ann Meredith. Yet, although all three had experience with previous rounds of the state library grants, the city was not satisfied with the application. "An outside grantwriter was brought in to prepare a second draft," Meredith said. "This draft was worse than the first, so city staff took on the task."

In the end, Meredith wound up writing the application herself, along with City Manager Steve Falk and the help of the city council, county library staff, and

the project advisor. Their diligence obviously paid off. "It was a very impressive submittal," Hall said.

### Lafayette's future

The nearly \$12 million Lafayette won will go toward the land acquisition, professional services, and construction costs of the new Lafayette Library & Learning Center, which also will feature the Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium on the site of the old Veterans Memorial Building.

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The new facility will keep pace with the community's needs, allowing it to hold around 90,000 volumes; more than triple the number of seats and computers; and incorporate much-needed parking, group study rooms, and meeting space. The Consortium, a first in American public libraries, will feature programs, workshops, collaborative learning materials, exhibits, lectures, discovery centers, and more thanks to the collaboration by a dozen of the Bay Area's educational and cultural resources. Construction is slated to begin next summer.

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